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Memorandum

To: ENRP Co-Chairs Bradley Erck & Barry Weinstein, MD

From: Economic Development Subcommittee Chair John Simon

Re: July 2002 meeting

Date: October 4, 2002

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Economic Development Subcommittee met July 17, 2002 at Pizzeria Uno's on Maple Road. Present for the meeting were subcommittee members Simon, Cusack, Eldridge, Erck, and Titus, as well as ENRP Co-Chair Weinstein.

One Stop Shop

Following concept approval by the full ENRP, a working group to discuss the concept of a "one stop shop" for economic development was continued. Letters of invitation were sent out. Subcommittee Chair Simon reiterated that the ENRP had given approval to discuss a shop for each county, not one for both. The working group will make recommendations to the full ENRP in December. The long-term goal would then be implementation of those recommendations.

Electronic Permitting

An update was given on the e-permitting pilot project. After two years of discussing the pilot under the leadership under Erie County's DEP, the project is now being turned over to the UB Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth. Amherst is once again a part of the pilot. While county government will finance the pilot, the full implementation will require a buy-in by the local governments. The subcommittee will continue to monitor this project.

Niagara Falls International Airport

During the runway construction phase at the NFIA, the NFTA was supposed to provide \$3.5 for airport lighting that was required by the FAA. The runway construction committee was subsequently informed by the NFTA that the money was no longer available, leaving a hole in the project.

Other Topics

Other topics discussed included the Regional Economic Development Database, power relicensing, and a recently announced ESD grant program.

Members were asked to think of one project idea for the next subcommittee meeting.